



## **SBCRC Horsemanship Challenge**

### **Purpose**

The SBCRC Horsemanship Challenge is designed to encourage riders of all equine and financial backgrounds to develop a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the hunter/jumper sport, their equine partners and an awareness of equestrian history. Our goal is to encourage and reward junior riders who strive to become true horsemen and provide a scholarship to help further their equestrian education. The competition will be two phases designed to test horsemanship knowledge at a local club level and be a feeder program to larger horsemanship challenges.

### **Eligibility**

Contestants must be members of SBCRC and not have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Phase 1: Written Exam:**

SBCRC will have a written exam phase for our competition. The contestants will need to be a member of SBCRC prior to signing up for a date for the exam. The quiz will be given at our September show September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm and September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Special consideration will be given for alternative test times. The Horsemanship Challenge committee must receive written notice explaining specific need for alternative test time by September 1, 2018. No guarantee alternative times will be granted. Results will remain confidential until end of the year banquet.

### **Phase 2: Hands-On Phase**

This phase will test the riders ability to perform hands-on skills involving horse care, parts of the horse and equipment. The Hands-on Phase will take place on October 26, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>. Individual time slots will be assigned and emailed to contestants as well as posted on the SBCRC web site by October 15<sup>th</sup>. If specific time slots are desired, please communicate this to SBCRC by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Specific times cannot be guaranteed but every effort will be made to accommodate. Please report to the show office at Earl Warren during the October Medal Final show, on the day you are assigned, to find location of challenge exam. A horse will be provided for the exam. Each exam will last no longer than 30 minutes please arrive a few minutes early dressed in appropriate attire (i.e. Paddock Boots, boots and breeches).

### **Scoring:**

Each phase will be worth a maximum of 100 points. At least two judges will score the Hands-on Phase who have no conflicted relationship with any contestants (i.e. relative, trainer, etc.). In the event of a tie, the competitor with a higher score in the Hands-On Phase will receive the higher award.

### **Organized Study Sessions:**

SBCRC will hold two optional half-day study sessions during June/July, date and location to be announced. Most of the material that will be tested in both phases will be covered in these study sessions. There will a fee of \$10 per person per workshop.

### **Fees:**

Registration fee for the SBCRC Horsemanship Challenge is \$25 per person.

Please send a check payable to SBCRC with your registration form and signed liability waiver by **June 1, 2018**

to:

SBCRC

PO BOX 54  
Goleta CA 93116

All registration materials must be received by June 1, 2018 (postmarked by June 1, 2018).

**Awards:**

The results of this competition will remain secret until they are announced at the annual banquet January 2019, all contestants are strongly encouraged to attend the banquet. Prize money is to be used towards continuing education including but not limited to clinics, other horsemanship challenges, EAP, etc. A written explanation of fund usage must be received before funds are distributed.

The \$2000 scholarship will be awarded as follows:

\$1000 - top score overall  
\$500 - Second place overall  
\$250 - Third place overall  
\$125 - top score phase 1  
\$125 - top score phase 2

**Important Dates - also posted on web site:**

June/July - Study Sessions - dates TBA  
August 1 - Registration materials due  
September 1 - Written phase completed  
October 26-28 - Hands-on Phase  
January 2019 - SBCRC Annual Banquet